

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs MI 49770  
May 18, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Vice Chair William Denemy

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Tom Teuthorn, Rebecca Atkinson

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Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt the agenda with additions for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in honor of Tribal Citizen Rita Gasco Shepard. We wish Rita well and send her our heartfelt prayers during her illness. Rita formerly served as the Elder Appellate Justice for Tribal Court for many years and was the First Chief Appellate Justice under the Tribe's new Constitution until she retired earlier this year. She has touched many lives in her work with the formation of the peacemaking program for the court and was one of the facilitators in its first talking circle. She has been instrumental in turning around the lives of many of our youth struggling with substance abuse issues. Her contribution to the Odawa Youth Healing to Wellness Team and participants will forever be carried in the hearts of these individuals and families and will continue to assist and be a reminder to these participants on their road to wellness.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2008, as corrected.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

There were no Elder Comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Legal Confidentiality of Historical Report and Records.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval for Residential Lease on Tribally Owned Land 2008-01 at Wah-Wahs-Noo-Da-Ke Tribal Housing.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplement Funding for Natural Resource Department Fish Hatchery Construction in the Amount of \$300,000 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding for Elders Program for Food Assistance and Utility Reimbursement Program in the Amount of \$38,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2008 to come from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act Supplemental Appropriation of \$163,650 to Fund Current Scholarship Levels and Rates for FY 2008 from Prior Period Funds.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

10:34 a.m. Recess called.

10:44 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Using Sustainable Foods and Ecological Approaches for Community Health Promotion Project.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval for Grant Agreement Between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians - Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism, 08-09.

Roll call vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-absent, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor McNamara to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

11:44 a.m. Public Comment opened: Tom Teuthorn spoke regarding \$640 per month daycare costs and the request for the Tribe to have a daycare for employees. Fred Kiogima spoke commending Tribal Council for the two month start-to-finish action regarding the old Victories Casino site feasibility study. Fred also spoke regarding Tribal preference and the enforcement of the statute. Tom Teuthorn again spoke regarding the Tribal Preference in hiring and the creation of jobs for Tribal Citizens.

11:53 a.m. Public Comment closed.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Chingwa to accept the verbal and written Land and Reservation Committee report given by Councilor Kiogima, Chairperson.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the verbal and written report from the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to dissolve the Ethics Ad Hoc Committee.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept Councilor McNamara's verbal report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal and written report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara for Tribal Council attendance at the rescheduled United Tribes Meeting in June 2008 in Manistee, Michigan.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Councilor Harrington, Jr.)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

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Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date